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1. दिल्ली-जयपुर-आगरा-ग्वालियर-झांसी-वाराणसी-लखनऊ-दिल्ली ।
2. गोवा (मडगांव)-मंगलोर-मौसूर-हासपेट-बेंगलूरु-गोवा (मडगांव) ।
3. बंबई-औरंगाबाद-नांदेड-सिकंदराबाद-हैदराबाद-पुणें-बंबई ।
4. हावड़ा-गया-वाराणसी-गोरखपुर-भुवनेश्वर-पुरी-हवड़ा ।
5. बेंगलूरू-मैसूर-मद्रास-कोडैकनाल रोड-कन्या कुमारी-विरूवनतंपुरम-कोच्चिन-मेटूपालैयम-बेंगलूरू ।

Payment of compensation to victims of rail accidents at un-manned level crossings

7867. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have no provision under the existing law to pay compensation to the victims of the accidents taking place at un-manned level crossings; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to amend this law as it is primarily the responsibility of the Railways to prevent accidents at unmanned level crossings; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) There is no provision to pay compensation to the victims of the accidents taking place at unmanned level crossings.

(b) Under Section 131 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Section 161 of the Railways Act 1989, it is the responsibility of the road user to observe precautions while negotiating un-manned level crossings. There is no plan to bring about any change in this regard in the Acts.

Computerised freight operation system

7868. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recently ignored a proposal from the National Informatics Centre for the delivery of a coomputerised system for freight operations, as per the news item which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 23rd May, 1994, entitled "Railways ignored NIC Offer on Automation";

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Railways are going ahead with a project which uses outdated imported software and costs about Rs., 1,800 crores;

(c) if so, what are the details of the NIC's Offer in this regard and the cost thereof; and

(d) what are the reasons for the Railways to go ahead with a project which uses outdated imported software and is also costlier;

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (c) In January 94 the National Informatics Centre (NIC) had made a suggestion that it can develop a computerised information system for freight operations. Some of the technical details of the offer, however were made available only on 7th June, 94. The NIC proposal consists of a network of super mini computers located at area reporting centres, Divisional and Zonal Headquarters and at the Railway Board. Satellite based data links will be used for telecommunications. The cost of the project is projected to be 296.75 crores.

(b) Work has been in progress since the eighties on a computerised Freight Operating Information System (FOIS) for Indian Railways using software obtained from C.N. Railways, Canada on the basis of a decision of a Committee of Secretaries in 1982. Trials are currently being conducted on a limited territory on Northern Railway. The anticipated cost

of the work for the whole of Indian Railways including a captive telecom network is Rs. 1098 crores.

(c) As the details of NIC offer have only just been made available they will be examined for suitability of the system for management of indian Railways Operations. It is not advisible to change the approach while the NIC offer is being examined in depth.

Encroachment of Railway Land in Assam

7869. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maximum encroachment of land on both sides of the railway track in different Railway Zones in Assam is affecting even normal railway services;

(b) if so, what is the area of Railway land encroached by Bangladeshis in Assam;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any survey of the land under encroachment; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any area has got vacated by Government during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the effective steps being teken to remove these encroachments in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Encroachments on railway land in some locations close to the Railway track are affecting Railway operations.

(b) Information relating to the nationality of encroachers is not maintained by the Railways.

(c) Identification of encroachments on railway land is done on a regular basis. There are 5452 encroachments on railway land in Assam.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Action to remove encroachments from railway land is taken in accordance with the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971 and on a continuous basis.

Loco deal with ABB

7870. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the response of the Ministry on the report of the Controller and Auditor General of India (CAG) about 6000 Horse Power Loco deal with Asian Brown Breweries (ABB);

(b) on what consideration the ABB was preferred in comparison to same quality locos offered by others at much lower rates;

(c) the details about the offer specifications of loco technology transfer and terms of payment etc. made by various loco manufacturers;

(d) what is the range HPs of locos produced by Indian manufacturers and their existing potential to upgrade higher level HP locos and better quality production;

(e) whether there was no marked difference in specifications and proces between domestic and international, offers, the reasons for which domestic offers were not accepted; and

(f) whether Government have taken care to reduce highly disturbing vibrations in coaches of high speed trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Ashram Express?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The CAG Report is under consideration.

(b) The offer of M/s ABB was evaluated as the lowest acceptable offer.

(c) A annexure is attached. [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 150]

(d) Both CLW and BHEL are manufacturing locomotives of 3850 HP.